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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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**Notice of Proposed Action
by the
State of Nevada**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the **Surprise Heap Leach Project**, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV90019 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 388
Valmy, Nevada 89438

The facility is located in Lander County, in Section 4, Township 31 North, Range 44 East, MDB&M; approximately 5 miles south of Battle Mountain, Nevada. This mining operation has used open pit mining methods, and employs cyanide heap leaching techniques to produce gold. The Administrator is constrained to issue a renewal of this water pollution control permit, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue a renewal of the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than April 27, 2002, to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Tom Waters at (775) 687-4670 ext. 3132, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at: <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.